

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF LOUISIANA, OFFICE OF CONSERVATION, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA.

In accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, and with particular reference to the provisions of Title 30 of Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, a public hearing will be held in the Conservation Auditorium, 1st Floor, State Land & Natural Resources Building, 625 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 9:00 a.m., on **TUESDAY, JULY 25, 2000**, upon the application of **BELCO ENERGY CORP.**

At such hearing the Commissioner of Conservation will consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the **James Lime, Reservoir B**, in the Benson Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

1. To create six (6) drilling and production units for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate, by the drilling of horizontal wells, from the James Lime, Reservoir B, such units being designated JL RB SUB through JL RB SUG.
2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within each of the proposed units in accordance with Section 10, Title 30, of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
3. To provide for special field spacing rules for any future horizontal well drilled to the James Lime, Reservoir B, which would provide; (a) that the penetration point and terminus of any lateral of any such horizontal well in the James Lime, Reservoir B, shall be located no closer than 330 feet to any unit boundary; (b) that the average distance between the productive portion of any lateral and those unit boundaries which run generally parallel to the direction in which the laterals are drilled shall not be less than 1,000 feet; (c) that the distance from any point along the productive portion of any lateral and those unit boundaries which run generally parallel to the direction in which the laterals are drilled shall not be less than 660 feet; and (d) that there be no well spacing limitations between wells other than that accomplished by application of the aforesaid provisions.
4. To designate an Operator of, and unit wells for, the proposed units as may be appropriate.
5. To provide that the gas allowable provisions of Statewide Order No. 29-F, LAC 43:XIX.2101 et seq should not apply to horizontal wells drill to the James Lime, Reservoir B, but that such wells should be given an allowable based on the maximum efficient rate (MER) of the well, being the maximum sustainable daily withdrawal rate from the reservoir which will permit economical development and reservoir depletion without causing waste.
6. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

The James Lime, in the Benson Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 496-D, effective April 1, 1980.

BENSON FIELD

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A plat is available for inspection in the Office of Conservation in **Baton Rouge** and **Shreveport**, Louisiana.

All parties having interest therein shall take notice thereof.

BY ORDER OF:

**PHILIP N. ASPRODITES
COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**

Baton Rouge, La

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